GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:437
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WITHDRAWAL OF UREA PRICE HIKE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers' institutions have asked the Government to withdraw the hike in the price of Urea;

(b) whether there is any proposal to reduce the price of DAP Fertilizers also;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether recommendations have also been made against the import of urea;

(e) if so, the amount spent on the import of urea during the last two years;

(f) whether the government have taken any decision against the import of urea to preserve the precious foreign exchange; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d) : The hike in selling price of Urea and DAP was announced in the Budget Speech for 2000-2001 by the Finance Minister and has been given effect to. There is no proposal to reduce the prices.

(e) to (g) : The amount spent on the import of urea during the last 2 years is indicated below:

Qty.(LMT)	Rupees(Crores)	US Dollor (million) C&F Value
5.56	240.00	56.00
5.33	197.16	45.85

Government is conscious of the need to preserve foreign exchange and imports urea only in such a condition where indigenous production is insufficient to meet the assessed demand for urea.